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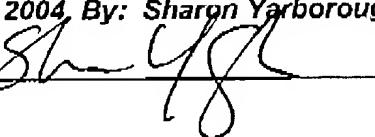
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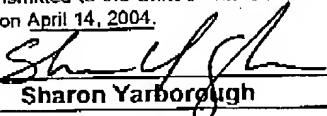
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APPLICATION NO.: 10/622,916

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WITH REDUCED OXIDES OF IRON AND  
MAGANESE

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Copies of the following references are enclosed:

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